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Both F. D[illegible]lass's paper
and the American Baptist ~~are~~
~~approaching~~ are strongly condemning
L. Tappan and the address to Kossuth from the
~~& F~~ A. S. society. It seems that the letter was for
Kossuth's private reading and
that L. T. was not a little
annoyed at the
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The days work is ended, and now I am going to have my reward = Mr. E. is gone with Mary to a quadrille at Cote, which I am yet scarcely well enough to join so have been drawing out Dispensary tables &c instead; all anti slavery work in the end, as it gives Mary more time to use her pen in its behalf. Still then "I am monarch of all I survey" and therefore like many of the race I leave what I have, to grasp at something beyond it, though these tables and chairs have their own peculiar charm for me, for you all come and seat yourselves in your old accustomed places and bring back the happy hours which I trust are to be lived over in reality. The winter is flying away, and spring will bring you back, will it not, my own beloved one, and that as speedily as you can come. R.D.W. can not think what you are all doing in "that camp" – your position and your welfare is the constant theme of those who know you, and of some who know you not. Belfast, Dublin, Rochester, Ambleside, Bristol all crave for information, and your letters go fluttering on rapid wings in these directions to satisfy the watching spirits as far as any thing short of yourselves can do so. We received those you sent us a fortnight ago, and Mr. E. wrote one to C. into which I put a few lines for you, they went by post; a parcel was to have followed the next day, but the gentleman departed without it much to our disappointment. a few days afterwards we gave it to Mr. Porter to take to you, and hoped it would be in your possession long since, but we have heard accidentally that he is still in London, so what will become of the ill fated packet remains to be seen. its contents will be very stale, but the papers if you get them will interest you. We are anxiously wishing for

a few lines from some of you, there are not times when
we can be patient long without tidings, so do pray some
one write— I do not comment on the contents of your letter
but they have been the theme of much thought and
conversation amongst us— it is true we see but through
a glass darkly, but still we think we see— when we
meet the veil will be lifted— till then may all good
angels guard you— Do you get the Mary Advertiser
which is now despatched almost regularly to you? Ma-
dame M. tells me she gets some papers occasionally,
all she thinks that are sent, perhaps it would be
a good way to send them through her— let us know—
Mary has received within the last few days some
letters from Northern friends— one from Miss Paton
who tells her that the A. S. contributions sent from
Glasgow this year were valued at £120, not so much
as the last, but enough to bid them be of good cheer, &
to go on laboring in faith— the diminution was not
caused by alienation, but from changes in fortune
among some of the best and oldest friends— She men-
tions F Douglass, and says "tis sad to see the noble Prophet
falling and bowing the knee, no friends of partial li-
berty can be true friends to Hungary"— She ends by
sending tender regards to the family here, and to all
true Garrisonians. Another letter comes from Harriet,
who has been in Birmingham collecting information
for a set of papers on Manufactures for Household
Words— she says that she is "scudding about, to Coven-
try, Redditch and London (where she is gone to day
for two days, and will see Mrs. H. if she possibly can)
"vibrating between whiles the devilish engineery" of Bir-
mingham to which place she returns— we despatched
all our Paris letters to her yesterday she said it wd
be a great relief and pleasure to her to see them— she
says that she has friends in Paris that she has not

heard from since "the coup" and that they are quite
rights not to address a letter to her "my dear love to them
tell them that my thoughts have been much with
them." The poor Armstrongs have been once more
in great trial, he has had a hard escape for his life,
he has had an alarming inflammatory attack on the
chest, and for days his fate hung trembling in the
balance - yesterday his medical attendant said he
hoped he was out of danger, but it must be months
before he can really be recovered - his admirable wife
though exhausted by previous watching over her child
has been enabled to go through this fearful ordeal with
a loving and trusting spirit, and has found her strength
sufficient for her day - it has been a trouble to us that
our own illnesses which have confined us until within
the last day or two have prevented our being able
to give her more than our prayers and heart sympathy, but now I hope to go and help her in any
thing which she can find for me to do - she looks sadly worn, but now that the heavy pressure is taken
off I trust that she will revive - joy is a good medicine
What pleasure it gives me to hear such very satisfactory reports of your brother about whom I hope every
shadow of your anxiety is removed - I begin to be
very desirous of the Liberator to get some further tidings of the fate of the Bazaar - there is nothing like
hoping against hope, so I am firmly fixed in the belief that it has been maligned, and that it will turn
out a solace and a balm to those who have toiled
for it, to give it attraction in its new site - if you
get any tidings pray impart them. Mr Carpenter's
letters on American Slavery in the pamphlet form still
linger in the press, but when they are forthcoming
R. D. W. has promised us he will review them - he
will do it well no doubt, and I am glad he has

undertaken it. Mr. E. from his position with the family co
not well do so, and we are glad for his health's sake to ge
any thing which can be thoroughly done by others off hi
hands just now. Yesterday we had a call from Mr Chap
man whose views you know are quite different from
ours on slavery, but he regards the letters just a
the same light. I cannot but think that seen in t
eyes of his pro-slavery colleagues and friends they wil
do him no credit, and to us they are a deep sorrow.
am losing my hold on the hope that his ~~[illegible]~~ co
will be changed in this matter, for though as you kno
his arguments have been refuted over and over ag
yet he brings them forward in these letters as if they
were strongholds which could not be broken do
Even the Inquirer rebelled at some of them, so he
writes to it to say that he has been "misunderstoo
by them, and that he fears they will rank him o
the wrong side, ~~and he~~ what he calls explains, but l
it quite a mystery what he does mean, unless i
is to favor the slave holders and their advocates
Mr. C. says he has used the word "misunderstood" s
often that his printer must be at a stand for types in
consequence. What are the young ones doing? give my
fond love to them and tell them I have been com
pleting the handy work they commenced the ivy
leaves are twined round the six trays which are read
for the next Bazaar. Your likeness and its doub
have been adorning the dining room today. Mr Chap
man has been having his framed with some sligh
improvements he thinks, but observers seem well
satisfied with both. Mr. C. was here today full of
kind enquiries as was Mr James. 12 O'clock. good
night dearest. blessings rest on you and yours.
Wednesday morng. Mr Thompson has lately been with
J. Walmsley at Rafod. Mr. E. Mathews is also there an
was appointed by the Committee of the land reform to go

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meet him at the Station as they none of them knew him, he did so, and they had a good deal of Anti Slavery talk together, he went to breakfast with Mr T. the following morning who has promised to join him at Oxford sometime and then to have an A.S. meeting. If you ever get Mary's letter to C. sent by Mr Porter you will see how Mr E.M. is engaged. We have some reason to hope that Mr P. left London yesterday which puts us a little in spirits as to the parcel. there is a letter from R.D.W. enclosed in it. Miss Carpenter brought a letter from Dr. Hall for us to read we glean from it that he has seen back, as he writes in much the same mystical style as R.L.C on the Slave law he talks as far as I remember, of there being no arrests now, and that the agitation is allayed by the inaction of the South. The rendition of the slave at Boston has been over ruled for good in one way (what that way is he does not say) like most evils, and that the trouble discomfort dishonour and dollars of sending back a poor man who is to be either useless or mischievous to his master or mistress is the best way of condemning and nullifying the law, which is thus to die a natural death. Clergymen don't agitate, but abiding by truth and duty leave the abominable thing to destroy itself in silence and darkness. Dr. H. is for peace with such christian devotion and absolute faith that he cannot resist law, nor execute a bad one. Notwithstanding that the clergy are misunderstood at a distance, and abused at home they plant themselves on the christian ground of justice and peace, liberty and law and there will remain - this is the sense of what Mary and I picked out of one of the most round about sentences you can well imagine but the language is mostly his as far as memory serves I should be sorry to claim it for my own. He speaks of Mr Lippit our fellow voyager to Tintern, calls him a singular man with many fine traits of mind and character - something of his own with which few of us agree especially on the great subject of slavery. Poor Miss C. would be distressed if she knew that I was telling tales of her friend so pray let it remain a secret. She good innocent creature read the letter without discovering the cloven foot, until Mr L. pointed it out to her, then she meekly said she would read it again, but we think she must have nearly skipped it altogether to go on to another part asking me if she had any letters of Mr Ware's that she would not object to send him as he is engaged at the request of the family in writing a Memoir of him - We heard from Kate Parker a few days since, she speaks of Mrs F. her son and Miss C. having been to dine with them - Mrs F. very bright but she faded before the end of the day, and they were sure she was going to be ill again which proved to be true. No doubt you know that she has been enjoying a delightful week at Brighton with Lady B. but I mention it in case letters should not come to hand so please to consider this a small newspaper of bits and scraps about every thing. You remember that Mrs Marshall who maintained that Dr Dewey was an injured individual, and that his saying he would send his mother into slavery was a fabrication. Mr James met with her lately at Exeter and she informed him that "Mrs Chapman left Boston for Europe because she was mad" it seemed a remarkable reason for a family's coming to Paris, we hope your country is not going to ship off all its mad subjects to this side the world, because we have a plentiful supply already - Mr J. in his earnest & straightforward way assured the lady that she was labouring under a mistake, he said he had frequent opportunities of seeing Mrs C. that there was not a trace of any thing of the kind - but she was not to be convinced "all Boston knew it was so quite well" - but said Mr J. you know Mrs C. it cannot be true - oh no certainly not was the reply Mrs C. could never have found time for it - now I think this little conversation will amuse you - I must say if the mad Bostonians are all of the same class give me the mad ones for companionship and love I should have a fancy for the disease.

I have just had a letter from Madame Magin she tells me she had spent an evening lately

with you, it was quite a comfort to get this
small bit of information about you, but
do not let it be long before sending us m
direct intelligence - the post man has taken
to knocking every afternoon about six and
up we dash exclaiming there is a French
letter - so let it come quickly in return for our
many disappointments - Mr G. H. Davis di
ed another letter of abuse against Mr L. of
which he has taken no notice and here pro
bably the matter will end - L. must not build
on another argument with him in this house
we hope she will be able to reconcile herself to
the deprivation - they sent the newspaper with
the said letter, what appears us most is that h
L's delicate little hands shd be accused of no
being clean and the worst is that on appeal
to them in proof of the falsehood, they turned
out to be absolutely dirty. Now I am not Mrs
Marshall, but am going to tell you what you
will be sorry to hear that Mrs Emory who you
all liked when you were here, has become de
ranged she was quite violent and wanted to be
destroy herself but was quieter when we last h
of her - she has been changing her house lately a
they think over excited herself. I am very grie
for her, and also for the newly formed A. S. Society
as she was likely to have proved a valuable me
ber. Miss Tribe is still away at Rochester and p
bly may be absent until June so Mary is tu
into a kind of Lewis Tappan being the whole So
ciety in herself - Mrs Tribe is well and as much
interested as ever but very busy just now many